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Please consider the following excerpted answers from a news conference held on August 5 by South Ossetian President Eduard Kokoity:

- "...I want to reassure everybody that we have established ways to promote more effective use of Russian assistance provided to South Ossetia by Russia. Within a month, we will implement these with the goal of completing all remaining tasks..."
- "...Circumstances preventing the effective implementation of the recovery plan in South Ossetia such as inefficient intermediary procedures like the Southern Directorate have been removed..."
- "...Our new system of working with the Russian Federation on reconstruction aid—developed in a meeting with First Deputy Prime Minister Igor Shuvlov—will be more transparent, mobile, and effective..."
- Other points made by President Kokoity:
  - **Reconstruction goals:** South Ossetia will complete reconstruction projects scheduled for this year, including 429 rebuilt homes—110 of which are in operation; 180 more are nearly ready for delivery.
  - **Demilitarization:** Even though South Ossetian youth will continue to receive interim military training, the republic's demilitarization program is enabling many of them to focus on peaceful contributions to the new nation. The process is not undermining South Ossetia's defense because the Ministry of Defense has employed modern methods, which make the army more efficient.
  - **His political future:** The President will use the year remaining in his current term to solve many of the republic's current problems before he hands over power to the newly-elected President of South Ossetia in 2011.

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